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### NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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**WEATHER** The week was a few degrees colder than normal. A change to unseasonably cold weather overspread the State over the week end. There was no precipitation of consequence over the eastern half of the State but moderate to locally heavy rain changing to snow fell over the Panhandle and eastward into the central portion of the State during the latter part of the week. The snow did not drift, and temperatures were high enough to crust it, making future drifting unlikely.

**CROPS** There is some unhusked corn, but generally harvesting has been completed. The November 1 estimate was a bushel higher than indicated on October 1. Some counties report moderate to heavy drop of ears of corn, but such losses are being recovered by pasturing. Yields of irrigated corn vary considerably but the average is good. Corn is still being shipped into the State to meet local shortages.

The condition of wheat for the State as a whole is lower but the condition is much better in the Panhandle and some southwestern counties due to rain and snow which fell last week. Precipitation ranged from moderate to quite substantial in the southern half of the Panhandle and extended into Keith, Perkins, and Lincoln counties in southwestern Nebraska. The balance of the State is very dry and moisture is needed badly. While subsoil moisture is not as deep as desirable in southern and central Nebraska the amount has been adequate so far.

While some of the wheat is turning yellowish in southern and central counties the present condition is perhaps better than it appears. The lack of surface moisture over most of this area since September has caused wheat to be deep rooted. Despite the lowered condition a good rain before the ground freezes up would enable the wheat to withstand the winter better. Wheat needs moisture to pack the soil around the plant to minimize the ill effects of low temperatures and high winds. Some of the wheat has been pastured but the growth has been limited in most of southern and central counties due to insufficient surface moisture.

There were some sugar beets remaining for harvest by the close of the week. Yields have been good, and the crop is averaging a ton higher than a month ago. There was still some combining of grain sorghum the past week. Much of the crop was not worth harvesting.

Some counties reported farm sales in progress. The lowered price level and the short corn and hay crops have been quite severe and an increasing number of farmers are seeking off-farm employment.

**LIVESTOCK** Weather conditions so far have been quite favorable for livestock. The fine weather has saved the feed supply. Some farmers are selling hay instead of feeding cattle. Prices of hogs have been very discouraging and some pigs offered for sale at the auctions were unsold because of the low offers.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 1955

#### Eastern Division

Grand Island	0
Lincoln	0
Norfolk	0
Omaha	0
Sioux City	0

#### Central Division

Burwell	.11
North Platte	.41
Valentine	.03

#### Western Division

Chadron	.19
Imperial	.05
Scottsbluff	.89
Sidney	.51

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